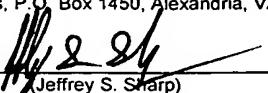


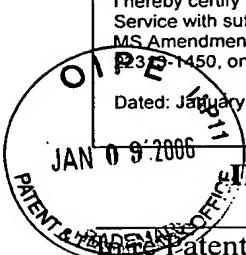
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2005 in the above-identified application, in which claims 1-7, 10-15 and 19-28 stand rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §102(b), 103(a) and 112 (first paragraph) but in which claims 8, 9 and 16-18 (directed variously to treatment of premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), premenstrual syndrome (PMS), sleep disorders, tension headaches and constipation) were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Reconsideration of the claims and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are requested in light of the following remarks. This response is timely filed as it is accompanied by an extension of time request of one month to extend the deadline for responding to January 26, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.